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TO: Washington State Board of Health Members

FROM: Dr. Kim Marie Thorburn, Chair

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF PRELIMINARY 2007 FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

Background and Summary

The Office of Financial Management (OFM) requires that all agencies submit a strategic plan for the 2007–09 Biennium that covers at least five years. It recently extended the May 1 deadline to June 1. A proposed Preliminary 2007 Five-Year Strategic Plan for the State Board of Health is attached for the Board's consideration.

The OFM strategic planning requirement is part of the process for developing the state budget. Since the Board's budget is nested within the Department of Health (DOH) budget, OFM is not expecting a standalone strategic plan from the Board. Nonetheless, the Board has agreed to submit a plan for information purposes. OFM instructions for preparing strategic plans are attached. OFM recognizes there will be little specificity in out years.

The State Board of Health began work on a strategic plan in the summer of 2005. In January 2006, the Board adopted its Final 2005 Five-Year Strategic Plan. At that meeting, the Board agreed that staff would modify the 2005 plan to create a Preliminary 2007 Five-Year Strategic Plan and bring the preliminary plan back to the Board for approval.

OFM requires several elements in a 2007 strategic plan that the Board had not included in its 2005 plan. These are: an inventory of statutory references; a list of performance measures and a description of current performance; and assessments of the Board's operating environment, capacity, and finance. These elements have been added to the proposed 2007 preliminary plan. OFM does not ask to see individual activities under each of the strategies or an action plan, so these elements have been removed. Items already completed have also been removed. Some of the strategies have been changed slightly to reflect recent developments—notably the passage of Senate Bill 6197 establishing the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities.

Recommended Board Action

I recommend the Board consider, amend as necessary, and approve the Final 2005 Five-Year Strategic Plan submitted this day.